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PRODUCTION OF OIL IN BOMBAY HIGH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the fire accident at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's Bombay High platform the production level could not be restored to its earlier level by now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the present production and the production prior to fire incident; and

(d) the efforts being made to bring the production level at earlier level?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) : The gas production/sales from the North Field has been restored to the pre-accident level. 70% of the oil production was restored within a month's time.

(b) : Production from North Field was totally stopped after the accident as oil pumping facilities to Uran Terminal at MHN Process Platform were not available after the accident. Though oil production from some platforms which were connected to MHN platform have been restored through alternative routes/modifications, some platforms connected to MHN have still not been put back on production owing to non-availability of the required processing/evacuation facilities.

(c) : The oil production rate from Mumbai High field prior to the accident was 2,61,000 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) and Gas sales Ex-Uran were 10.5 million standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD). After the accident, oil production came down to a level of approx. 1,42,000 BOPD and Gas sales Ex-Uran to 6.1 MMSCMD. As a result of various measures and initiatives undertaken to restore production, oil production and Gas sales Ex-Uran have been increased to a level of approx. 2,18,000 to 2,20,000 BOPD and 10 to 10.5 MMSCMD respectively.

(d) : Several short-term, medium-term and long-term measures have been initiated by ONGC for restoring production from North Field, which include the following :

Ã˜ Alternative routes/modifications to divert production from some of the platforms connected to MHN.

Ã˜ Alternative pumping facility at NQ Platform.

Ã˜ Revival of Process Facilities at NA.

Ã˜ Diversion of N1-N2 Platform.

Ã˜ Constitution of a multi-disciplinary task force to work out a feasibility plan for placing a new facility by way of restoring/replacing the original MHN Platform.